

Application Serial No. 09/818,939
Attorney Docket No. 03495-0202

REMARKS

In a facsimile dated December 1, 2004, Examiner Swope proposed an Examiner's Amendment that included rejoinder of claims 119-122, 124-128, 130-133, and 135-139, and allowance of claims 97, 98, 100-105, 119-122, 124-128, 130-133, and 135-139.

Examiner Swope also proposed canceling claims 123, 129, 134, and 140. In a telephone discussion on December 2, 2004, Examiner Swope agreed to consider amending claims 123, 129, 134, and 140 to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit the following amendments to claims 123, 124, 129, 134, 135, and 140, which include the amendments discussed with Examiner Swope in telephone conversations on December 7, 8, and 9, 2004, and which place 97, 98, 100-105, and 119-140 in condition for allowance. Applicants thank Examiner Swope for her attention to this matter.

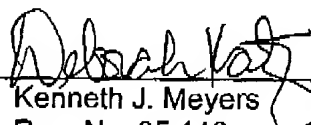
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Respectfully submitted,

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